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HAPPY VALLEY**HOSPITAL SHUT.****SEQUEL TO CANTON INTIMIDATION.****PATIENTS' PLIGHT.**

The trouble at the Canton Hospital, an institution run under the auspices of the American Presbyterian Mission, has resulted in its having been closed down as from Friday, this being the culminating point after strike pickets had kept the hospital for three days without food, water or electric light supplies.

On Friday morning, all the patients were removed, the more severe cases being taken in by other hospitals, whilst the walking cases were left to shift for themselves. Public feeling is most indignant at the pickets action, which is characterised as "cruel and senseless," especially seeing that all the patients were Chinese. The foreign staff of the hospital was composed of the Rev. J. C. Thomson, M.D., Drs. C. A. Hayes, F. Oldt, C. S. Siddall, J. O. Thomson and their respective wives, together with Mr. W. R. Augur as business manager.

It was at first reported that the trouble arose in consequence of an attempt to "nationalise" the Hospital, but it now appears that the affair had its origin in the hospital workers being intimidated into joining the Miscellaneous Workers' Society, which put forth a series of absurd demands on the management which the latter declined to entertain.

The demands made included the increasing of the wages of workers, reference to the Miscellaneous Workers' Society before any employee is dismissed, and all new workers to be employed through the medium of this Society. As to wages, it was demanded that those whose pay exceeded \$10 per month should be increased by \$4, and those earning under \$10 be given an increase of \$4.50.

To these demands the hospital management replied expressing its willingness to give increases of \$1.50 to those earning over \$10 and of \$2 to those earning less than that amount. In addition, a bonus of \$4 was promised to each worker at the end of every year.

The hospital management further stated that the discharging and employing of workers should be fixed by the foreman of the hospital, and when a worker was discharged he could, if not satisfied, lodge a complaint with the Arbitration Association of the Hospital. Workers wishing to resign must give fifteen days' notice, and if any worker were dismissed without prior notice having been given, he would be compensated with fifteen days' wages. It was further intimated that the Hospital management would not prevent workers from joining any party, society or association, but that party or association comrades could not be permitted to interfere with the affairs of the hospital or its regulations.

As a result of these decisions, the Workers' Society induced the Chinese workers of the hospital to go out on strike. Pickets were placed at the doors of the hospital, preventing anyone entering the institution and not allowing food supplies to come in, whilst the water and electric light supplies were later cut off.

The foreign staff and the patients were thus placed in an extremely awkward position, the former having to prepare all meals and look after the sick as well. When food supplies ran short, it is stated that the patients' diet was reduced to salt eggs.

In the end, there was no option but to shut down the hospital, which has done a splendid work for many years amongst the native community.

THE NORTHERN PEACE TALK.**KUOMINCHUN'S FIRM STAND.****FIGHT TO LAST.**

Shanghai, March 14. The Kuominchun Headquarters to-day gave out the text of a telegram from Gen. Lu Chung-lin, in which he expressed the views of the recent peace parleys at Peking. He conceded the feasibility of surrendering Jehol to Fengtien but scorns the suggestion that Chihli should also be surrendered, pointing out that for the second time great sacrifices are being made by the Kuominchun to preserve the integrity of the Province, and furthermore, that it is really a matter for Gen. Sun Yuen to decide.

On the general question of a rapprochement with Mukden, Gen. Lu suggests that Fengtien has weakened considerably by the loss of Kuominchun and Chang Teng-hsuan, and also by the defeat of Li Chung-lin and Chang Tsung-chang which he claims now to be complete. If, therefore, the Kuominchun adopts a strong attitude he considers that it will be easier to come to terms with Fengtien than if weakness is shown. There is no reason he declares, finally, why they should sue for peace when the Kuominchun is steadily gaining ground. For himself he swears to fight to the last.—Reuter.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.**SUMMONS AGAINST POLICEMAN APPLIED FOR.**

Mr. Leo d'Almada asked leave to mention a case in which a woman was charged with hawking without a licence, before Major Wilson, at the Central Police Court this morning. He said he understood the woman was assaulted, and had to go to hospital. He had received a message from the hospital to say the woman was unable to attend the Court that morning, but he asked leave to take out a summons for assault against the policeman.

Inspector Spear said the woman had been summoned on bail of \$50, and that sum had been estreated. She was arrested in the morning, and let out on bail in the afternoon, but she made no complaint to him about an assault.

Mr. d'Almada said he would enquire further, and asked leave to re-open the case if necessary.

Major Wilson intimated he would reserve his decision until Mr. d'Almada decided whether the case would be proceeded with or not.

PENSIONS FOR MURDERERS.**HOW SOVIET CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY.**

Riga, March 13. A message from Moscow says that in connection with the celebration of the 45th anniversary of the assassination of Alexander the Second, the Soviet has given life pensions to all surviving participants in the murder, numbering about fifteen, all of whom were serving life sentences in Siberia until the revolution.—Reuter.

THE TAKU INCIDENT.**AN ABSURD REPORT.**

Tientsin, March 14. According to a statement made by a diplomatic representative of the Kuominchun here, the Japanese destroyer fired on the forts first, after which the forts replied. This is flatly denied by Japanese naval officials, who characterise the report as absurd.—Reuter.

CANTON & NORTH**SEEKING ALLIANCE WITH FENG.****HONAN DELEGATE.**

A Canton report states that a representative sent by General Yo Wei-chun, Tupan of Honam, arrived there on the 6th instant, on a special mission, and on the 10th proceeded to Government House to present his credentials to Mr. Wang Ching-wai. After the exchange of the usual courtesies, Mr. Wang intimated to the representative that he was not able to exchange views then, as he had to attend an important military meeting. However, he fixed the following day for the interview. The Chief Secretary and other high officers were then detailed off to entertain the guest.

It is stated that this mission is a most important one, and that the visit of the representative is for the purpose of conveying views of the actual political situation of Honam at the present time, and to endeavour to formulate the terms of an entente between the Kuomin-tung and the Kuominchun, which might possibly induce Feng Yih-siang to emerge from his retirement.

In a report from the Treasury, it is stated that since the increase of the soldiers' and non-commissioned officers' pay, the monthly estimate of expenditure for the Army, Navy, Arsenal, forts, dockyard and Aerial Department is now four million dollars, and that the collection of revenue is increasing since coming under the control of the Government. It is expected that in about two months, most of the provincial revenue will flow through proper channels, and by that time, the increased revenue derived from various Government Monopolies is likely to cover the sum needed for the coming Northern campaign. It is also learned that the Treasurer has recommended to the Government to instruct comptrollers to supervise the daily receipts of the railways.

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Later witness said that as far as he could recall it, Lammert's failure was known immediately prior to its actual occurrence.

It was a generally entertained opinion on the Stock Exchange that Lammert's would go bankrupt?—There was a general hope that he would not go bankrupt.

There was a general hope that he would not go bankrupt but it was generally thought that it was likely?—No.

Did you entertain any opinion of your own, that he would or would not? You thought it was likely?—I thought it possible.

It, in fact, was a very bad smash, indeed, was it not?—As it turned out, apparently yes. I don't think we knew the figures then.

Witness was questioned as to his idea of the extent of Lammert's failure. He estimated on the shares for which Lammert's were liable, and gave his figure as being two lads.

Further questions were put by the counsel with reference to the "carrying over" of the loan from one Settlement Day to another, up to the September Settlement, and the amount of interest incurred between the parties in the case, as a result of this "carrying over," and finally witness was asked how the figure of \$1,500 interest was calculated by his firm.

BANK LOAN CASE RESUMED.**MR. BIRKETT ON PRINCIPALS AND INTEREST.****CLOSELY QUESTIONED.**

Resuming before the Chief Justice, at the Supreme Court this morning, with Mr. H. Birkett, a partner in the plaintiff firm and Chairman of the Hongkong Stock Exchange in the witness box, this morning's hearing of the action brought by Messrs. Moxon and Taylor for the recovery of a sum of \$37,600, money alleged to have been lent to the Man Chien Bank, through the agency of Messrs. G. P. and H. A. Lammert, brokers, dealt with the nature of certain brokerage and interest involved in the transaction.

Mr. Birkett was examined by Mr. Eldon Potter (for the plaintiffs).

This transaction, we are concerned with, was it a loan or a purchase of shares?—A loan.

The purchase note which was given to Messrs. Lammert, was that the usual form of note given in cases of this kind?—Yes.

You remember, Mr. Birkett, that at a certain stage you asked for the name of Messrs. Lammert's clients, and I think, you wrote with reference to that matter?—Yes.

I want to ask you this: Did you in fact have various interviews with Mr. Ross, Special Manager for Lammert's, with reference to that transaction? I don't want to ask you what passed?—Yes.

On the 6th October, there was a letter signed with the name of Man Chien Bank, and handed to Mr. Ross. That letter was sent to you subsequently by Mr. Ross stating that they would pay on the 6th November?—Yes.

In this letter there is an item of \$1,504 for interest—the Bank was to repay the principal plus \$1,500 on the 6th November?—Yes.

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TOURIST WEEK.**1,300 VISITORS DUE TO ARRIVE.****THREE BIG SHIPS.**

No fewer than 1,800 round-the-world tourists will be visiting Hongkong within a week, the three large liners Resolute, Laconia and Franconia all arriving before next Monday. This is the busiest tourist week Hongkong has ever experienced.

The s.s. Resolute, having on board more than 300 tourists, arrived to-day and will sail on Thursday morning; the s.s. Laconia, having on board 600 tourists, will arrive on Wednesday morning and will sail on Saturday; whilst the s.s. Franconia, with 400 tourists on board, will arrive on Monday and will sail again on the following Saturday. It will thus be seen that on Wednesday there will be 900 tourists in the Colony at the same time.

The arrival of the s.s. Resolute was expected early this morning but, owing to rather heavy fog outside, she was delayed and it was not until later in the day that she put in an appearance. The cruise is being run by the United American Company, and the local arrangements are in the hands of Messrs. W. Farmer and Co., of Shameen, and the Columbia Pacific Steamships Company.

A distance of 22,280 miles to be covered in 112 days—this roughly represents the itinerary of the Resolute, which left New York on January 21st. She has made calls at San Francisco, Los Angeles, the Hawaiian Islands, Japan and Shanghai, and from Hongkong the tour will be continued via the Philippines, Borneo, Java, Straits, Burma, Ceylon, India, Egypt, Europe (Naples and Villefranche), Madeira and back to New York.

While here, excursions will be made to the Peak, Repulse Bay, the New Territories and Macao. Of the more than 300 passengers, 150 are men including both married and unmarried, while 109 are married women. Besides these, there are about 46 unmarried women and girls.

The Resolute is one of the most popular of world cruising vessels and is built with a special view to sea comfort, as she was contracted for the Europe-South America service. There is a luxurious winter garden, special dance floor, smoking rooms, gymnasiums, elevators, terrace cafes, children's rooms, a conservatory and a swimming pool.

There is a cruise staff of 10 under Mr. E. A. Winkler and in addition, Dr. J. C. Bowker is the official lecturer. The principle officers of the Resolute are Commodore Daniel Malman (Commander), Mr. W. E. Carley (Executive Officer), M. R. Leepin (First Officer), Mr. P. J. Leaman (Chief Engineer).

Among noted passengers on board are the Duke of Anhalt of Berlin, Consul Carl A. Dick of Oslo, Norway, Captain F. Ferguson of Craigdarroch, Scotland, Colonel von Reider of Berlin, and Baron and Baroness Albrecht von Schroeder of Mexico City.

LOTTERY TICKETS.**THREE CHINESE CHARGED.**

Mr. R. E. Lindsell heard a case in which "Po Pi" lottery tickets figured, at the Central Magistracy this morning. Three Chinese, one a shop coolie, another a building contractor, and the third unemployed, were charged on various counts of keeping a gambling house at 364, Queen's Road West, second floor, printing lottery tickets, possession of 4,400 tickets, and writing announcements relating to the sale of them.

Sub-Inspector Shatian was in charge of the case, and the defendants, who were arrested at West Point, were remanded until Saturday.

FAMOUS BUDDHISTIC LIBRARY.**REMOVED TO CANTON LIBRARY.****TRAGEDY RECALLED.**

It is reported from Canton that the famous library of Buddhist literature which formerly belonged to the Kwong How Monastery is being removed to the Kwangtung Public Library where the books will be properly taken care of and will be available for public inspection. It will be recalled that when Tsien Tain-hsien was Viceroy at Canton the Kwong How Monastery was one of the five biggest monasteries of China and there were at that time hundreds of Buddhists living in the building. Owing to the discovery of some secret apartments which, through a series of labyrinths, led to the Abbot's private quarters, and in which certain discoveries were made, the Abbot and many of the higher ranks of the priests were beheaded and the whole of the property of the monastery was confiscated.

HOPE NOT ABANDONED.

Geneva, March 14. A more hopeful view prevails at present as a solution which would save the face of all parties, appears to be in sight. It is understood that the Council is working on a proposal of Jonkheer Vendervele, according to which Germany should obtain a seat on the Council forthwith and immediately afterwards pronounce in favour of the addition of one non-permanent seat, leaving the meeting of the Assembly to be held in September to select the country which will occupy that seat. The question of the addition of permanent seats appears to have been abandoned for the present.—Reuter.

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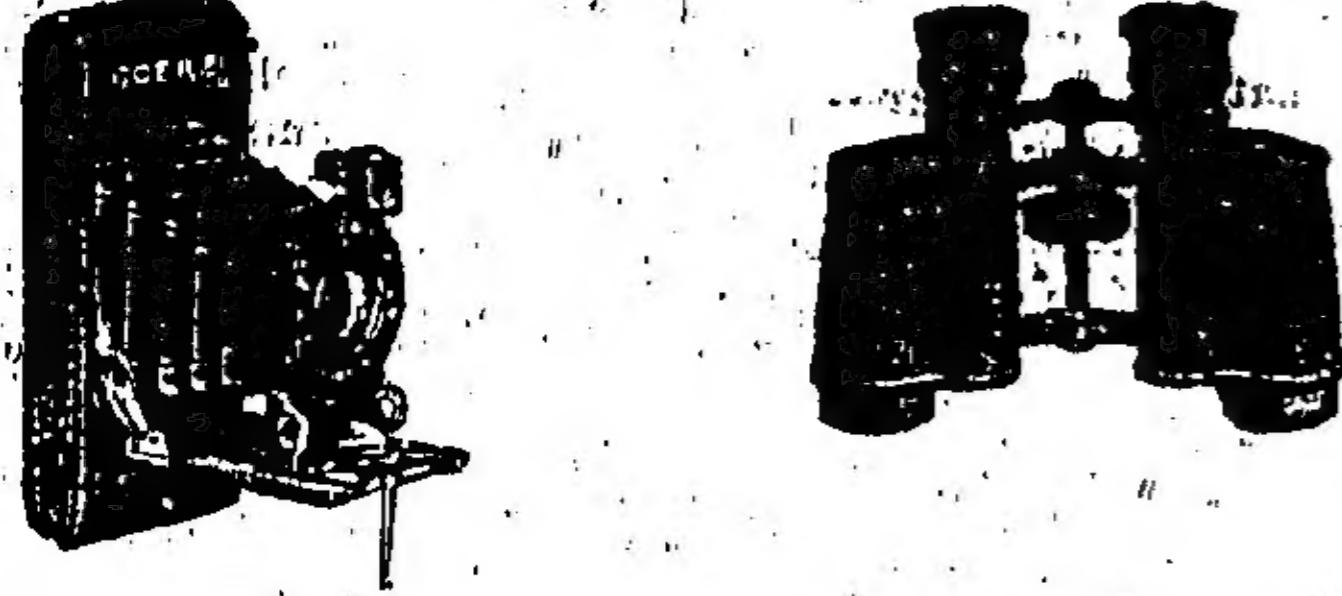
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QUEEN'S COLLEGE REUNION.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION DINNER ON SATURDAY

Collegiates' Contribution to Co-operation.

The Great Hall of Queen's College was crowded on Saturday evening when the old Boys Association held their annual reunion dinner, with an approximate attendance of 200. Mr. Grimes was in the chair and among the guests present were Mr. A. H. Crook (headmaster), Mr. Lee Hy-sun (Vice President Q.C.O.B.A.), Mr. C. G. Anderson (Hon. Sec. Q.C.O.B.A.) Messrs. W. Kay, R. J. Remedios, Lo Cheung-shui, M.K. Lo, K. K. Hung, R. K. M. Simpson, E. F. Carter, Wong Kwong-tin, Ho Wing-tsuen, J. F. Gross, C. Ollington, Dr. C. C. Wang, A. Brown, A. Sultor, W. Jackson, S. M. Churn, M. H. Lo, Chow Ping-un, H. S. Hamilton, E. J. Edwards, Dr. E. Lau, J. Ralston, H. S. Lee, Col. F. Trevelyan, J. C. Fletcher, Starling Jess and E. Ho Tung.

When the toasts of H.M. the King and the Republic of China had been honoured, the Chairman, Mr. Grimes, in proposing the toast of the College, said in part: Our Association to-day is a body which numbers now about 750 members. We are doing all we possibly can with our funds to further the interests of the College, and to benefit, as far as we possibly can, the present scholars. We have allotted sufficient funds for the permanent endowment of two annual scholarships of \$50 each to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Tsang Tsang, and the late Mr. Ng In. As our funds increase it is our hope to go on with the good work.

I am so happy to note that our present scholars appreciate the fact that they are applying a devotion to their studies under the most benevolent educational regime in the Empire. I am so pleased, too, to see that they are ready and willing to participate in all the numerous advantages that this College offers and to enjoy that sense of protection which recent experiences have taught us are not obtainable outside the confines of our beautiful island. The times are still sorely out of joint, but I feel sure that you will also join me in the expression of the hope that nothing may intervene to thwart any attempts to secure a happy understanding of the mutual requirements of the inhabitants at the ends of the chain of commerce that links the greatest trade emporium in the world, and that the rehabilitation of our intercourse will be cemented in such a manner that we may readily and everlasting forget the events that have disturbed our hitherto happy social and commercial relations with the Province of Kwangtung, and Canton in particular. (Applause).

Influence of Queen's. My next duty is to congratulate one of our most esteemed old boys, Dr. C. C. Wang, on his appointment to the Chair of Pathology in the University of Amoy. We are really proud of you Doctor, and trust you will be able to find time to visit Hongkong each year about this time to grace our annual reunion with your cheery presence. (Applause).

I remember distinctly telling you some two or three years ago that it seems somewhat of a paradox to say so, but whereas the College has largely made the old boys it seems equally true that the old boys equally make the school. For it is to the character, conduct, and achievements of the

old boys that many people look when they are considering whether to send their sons to that school or to support it in any other way.

I have been requested by many old boys, amongst them our 1st President, Sir Robert Ho Tung, to convey to you their regrets for not being present to-night. Doubtless you all know that it has pleased our Gracious Majesty King George to bestow the honour of knighthood to-day on one of the most popular members of our Chinese community. (Applause). And the reason why some are not here to-night is because they have to attend a banquet given at the same time as ours to commemorate to-day's auspicious event at Government House.

The College toast, coupled with the name of Mr. Crook, was then drunk with acclamation.

Proposing the toast of "The Queen's College Old Boys' Association," the Headmaster, Mr. A. H. Crook, said in part:

First of all, I should like to thank the President and the Officers for their unsparing interest in, and ever ready help to this College. There are few things that add so much pleasure to the duties of our work as the feeling that we have the encouragement and support of those who have long left these precincts.

Furthermore, the present pupils of this College are genuinely grateful to the Q.C.O.B.A. for the generous gifts of the Ng In and Tsang Tsang scholarships, annual prizes, given to the first boys in classes 7 and 8 at the final examination. These scholarships were awarded for the first time this year.

Besides the fact that a gratifyingly large number of the present pupils are the sons of our former scholars, there are two great links between the old boys and the present members of the College. One of these is our great annual reunion, at which we are assembled to-night. Here old friendships are cemented, new ones formed, and the bonds of fellowship united.

The "Yellow Dragon."

The other bond of union—and I want to speak of it in particular to-night—is the Yellow Dragon. It is a living link between those that have left and those that remain. And I want to ask the old boys who are here to-night to rally round it as they have never done before. Read it and send your contributions. Many of you are well-known as wielders of facile pens; give us the benefit of your wit and wisdom in our columns. Buy the magazine and do all you can to help it.

Mr. Crook then called on the members of the Staff to rise and drink with him to the success and prosperity to the Q.C.O.B.A.

A speech was called for from Mr. Kay, who flatly denied the insinuations of Mr. Crook in the matter of his returning from leave at the end of this year as a Benedict. He stressed the need of support by the Old Boys and hoped that at the next reunion he would find their ranks at least doubled.

Mr. Anderson replied for the Old Boys and drew attention to the great part which could be played by the association in making co-operation between Chinese and British a thing of vital importance. The College occupied a unique position, he said, in blending the wisdom of the East with the counsel and advanced instruction of the West and in the future he hoped that that which had been grounded during college years would bear fruit in the cementing of relations between East and West, not only for the betterment of the two nations in particular, but in the peaceful relationship of the

THE BOAT RACE.

VARSITY CREWS IN TRAINING.

London, March 13. The Oxford crew rowed the full course trial from Mortlake to Putney, in ideal conditions, in 18 minutes 57 seconds, thirty seconds worse than the record trial time made by Oxford in 1897.

The Cambridge crew rowed their first full course trial in 20 minutes 22 seconds, which is satisfactory considering the conditions. Reuter.

CROSS COUNTRY.

BIRCHFIELD'S TRIUMPH.

Wolverton, March 13. The National cross-country championship was won by the Birchfield Harrier J. Webster, in 58 minutes 40 seconds, the course being ten miles.

Birchfield won the team championship. Reuter.

the peoples of the world which we were all striving for.

Professor R. K. M. Simpson replied for the guests in a brief speech which dealt with the benefit derived from these annual reunions and the privilege which was conferred upon those he spoke for, in being invited to participate in their celebrations.

The evening terminated with a musical and vocal programme contributed by Old Boys, and the singing of the College Song by Mr. E. J. Edwards.

AVIATION.

COBHAM'S ADVENTUROUS FLIGHT COMPLETED.

London, March 13.

Huge crowds at Croydon lustily cheered the appearance in a sunny sky of a little fleet of aeroplanes at 4:15 this afternoon, heading for the aerodrome from the southwards. They were planes which had earlier set out to escort Cobham home on the final stage of his sixteen thousand mile return

from his Cape Town flight after surveying a possible African air route.

Mrs. Cobham was aboard one of the welcoming planes. She affectionately greeted her husband on landing at Croydon.

MAIL STEAMER BEATEN.

Notwithstanding delay due to bad weather and sandstorms on various parts of the route, the airmen beat the mail steamer Windsor Castle, which left Capetown on the same day as Cobham but did not arrive before March 15.

Cobham, accompanied by his wife, went to Buckingham Palace to deliver a message from the Earl of Athlone, Governor General of South Africa, handing over his aeroplane to the Argentine Government. Franco's mechanic takes back a purse of \$40,000 raised by Spaniards in Buenos Aires. Reuter.

Rugby, March 13. Cobham was met on this side of the English Channel by a fleet of seven light aeroplanes of the Moth type, one containing Mrs. Cobham, the airmen's wife, and

saloon aeroplanes of the Imperial Airways, containing members of the public.

Cobham effected a beautiful landing and was given a tremendous ovation by a great crowd who carried him shoulder high to the aerodrome. Here he was congratulated warmly by Sir Philip Sassoon, Under Secretary of State for Air Ministry, and by Colonel Edwards, Director of Civil Aviation.

Cobham looked extremely well and declared he had had a glorious voyage, despite the extremely difficult flying conditions on various stages. He had flown from Pisa to-day, a distance of 925 miles. He left Cape Town fifteen days ago. He had flown the same British-made De Havilland machine to South Africa and back and has experienced no mechanical trouble with it on the whole 15,000 miles, despite gales, sandstorms and extreme variations of temperature through which he has passed.

British Wireless.
Franco's Aeroplane Given to Argentine Republic.
Buenos Aires, March 12. There has been a memorable function here to-day, Señor Franco the aviator, handing over his aeroplane to the Argentine Government. Franco's mechanic takes back a purse of \$40,000 raised by Spaniards in Buenos Aires. Reuter.

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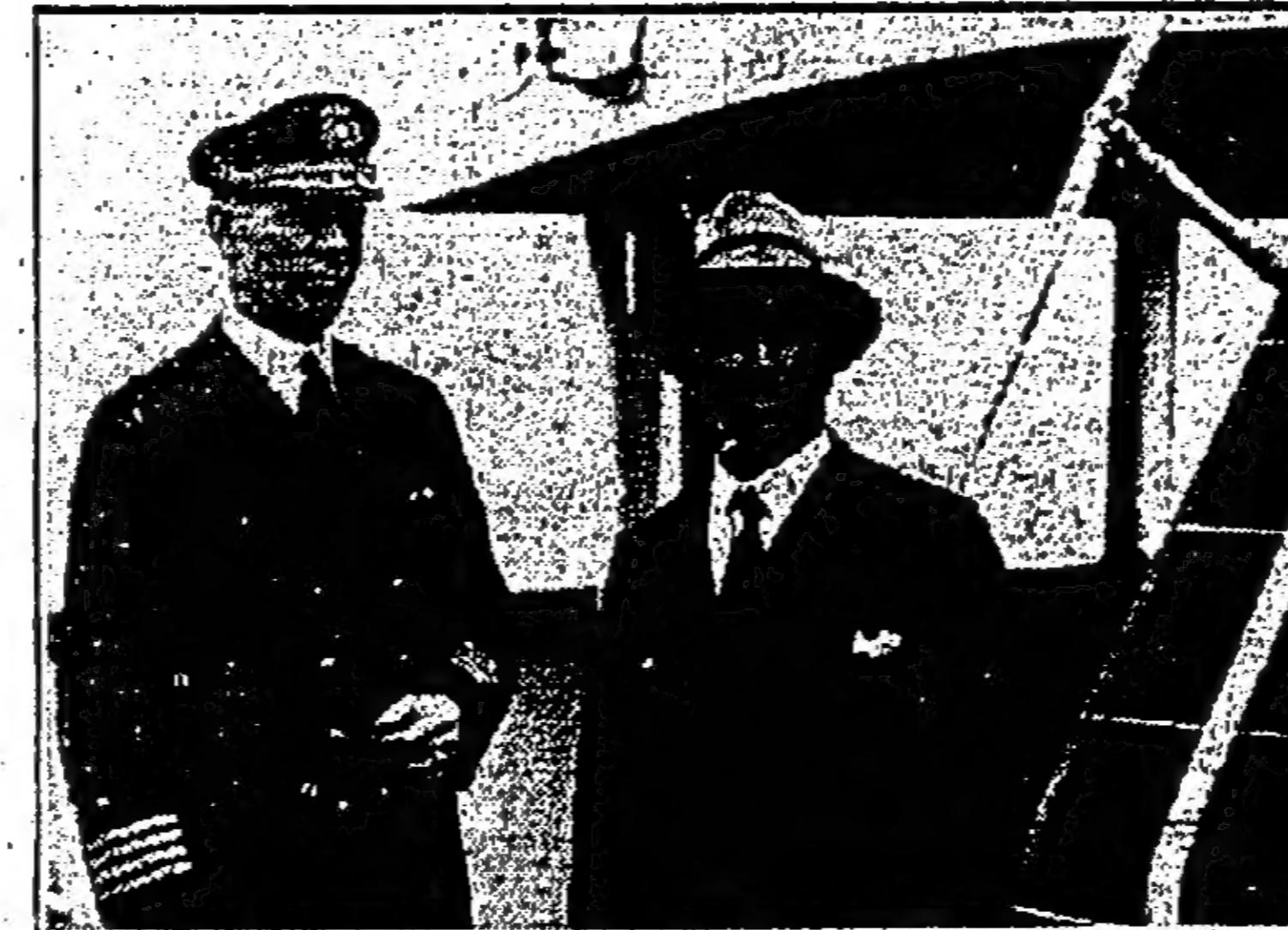
Mr. Ma-Chun-wn, the new Minister of Justice, who is attempting with one hand to satisfy the judges, clerks, and coolies of his Ministry in their demands for salary arrears, while with the other hand he directs and assists the investigation of the Extraterritoriality Commission.



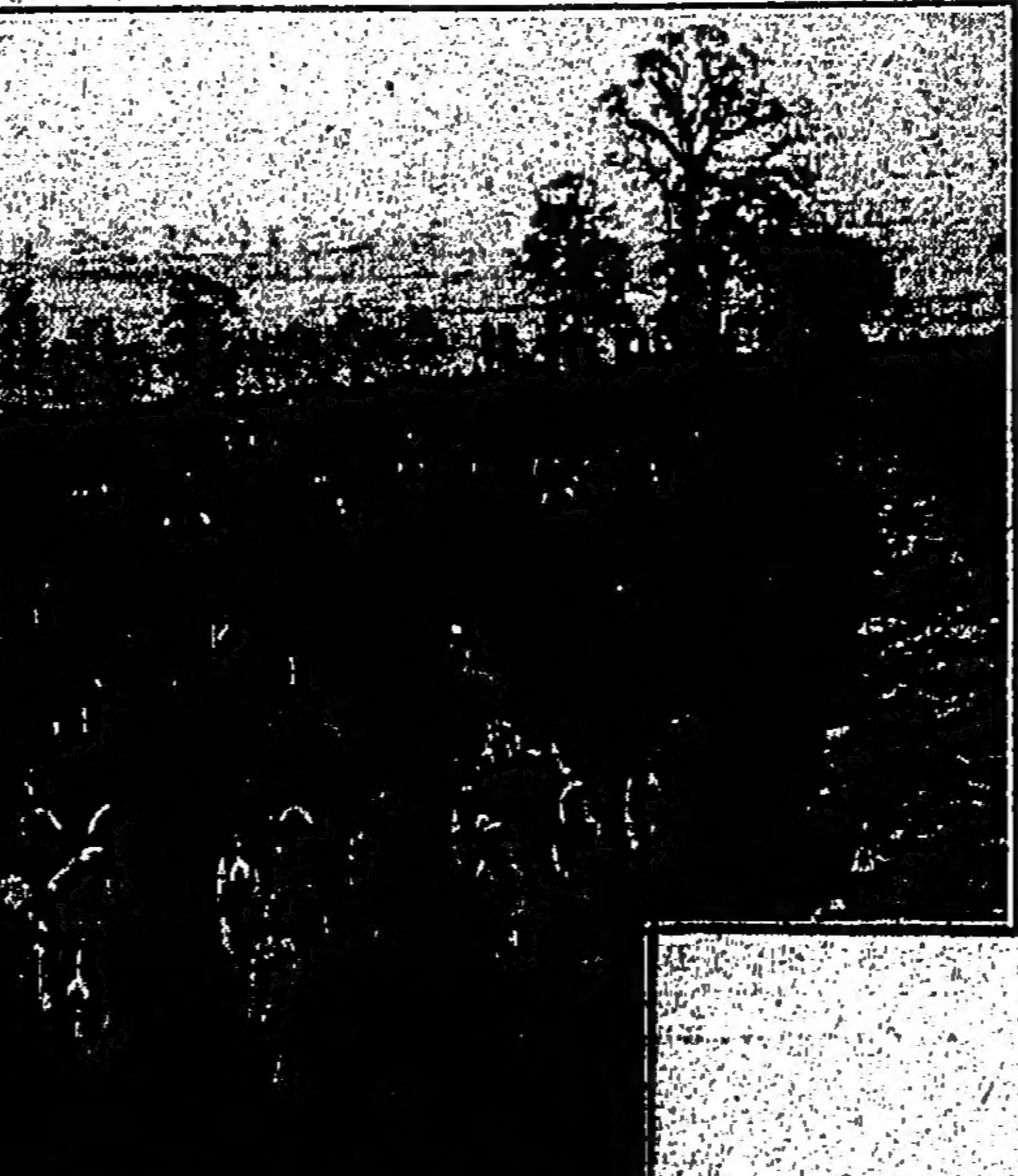
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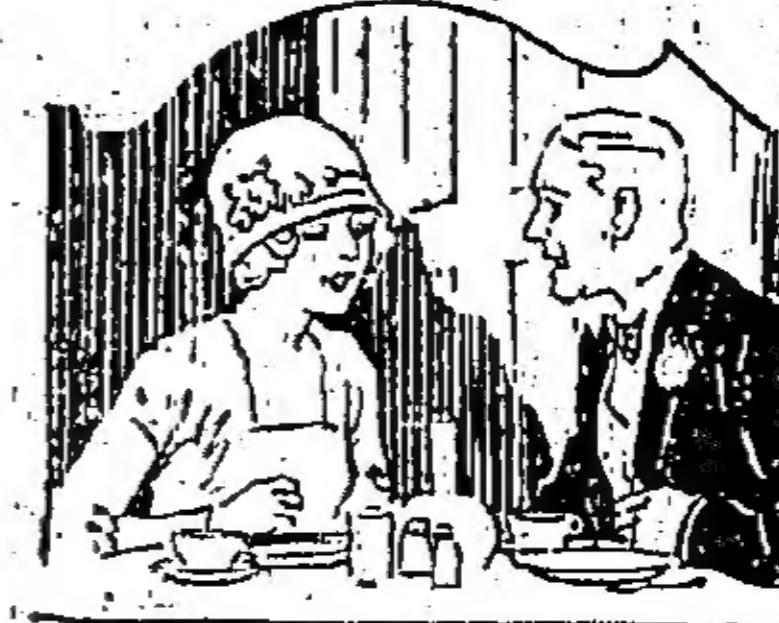
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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 3rd. March 1926, until Wednesday 17th March 1926, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The following is the Provisional List of dates upon which Extra Meetings will be held this Season:

3rd April, 1st May, 5th June 2nd October and early Nov. By Order.

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
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Hongkong, 9th March, 1926.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

S. COURTNEY COOK,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1926.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 26th March, 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1925.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 5th March, 1926.

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SUCCESSFUL POINT-TO-POINT RACES.

Tokyo, March 13. Commenting on the firing on Japanese destroyers, a Foreign Office spokesman said that the matter was regarded seriously, but the Government was awaiting further details before deciding action.

He indicated that nothing but vigorous protest was likely, as he thinks the firing was probably due to a misunderstanding, though he feared a repetition of similar episodes against foreign ships generally, as the Kuomintang troops were undisciplined.

Incident Considered Serious.

Later.

The incident is considered most serious. Baron Shidohara and Mr. Takarabe are consulting.

Some decision from the Cabinet is expected, probably on Monday. The Foreign Office has stated it "does not expect to retaliate," but will demand absolute assurance of non-recurrence in future."

It is said that the principal fears are for the anger of the Japanese public, but the attitude of the people is believed to be much different from a decade ago, when such an incident would have aroused terrific indignation.

One destroyer has proceeded to Port Arthur with the wounded. Others are anchored at Taku, awaiting instructions.

The Government is awaiting suggestions from the Allied consular meeting at Tientsin. It is stated that Japan may act independently, but it is hoped that the Powers will agree to some method for future protection.

The matter of the punishment of the attackers and indemnities are to be considered by Japan later.—Reuter.

Naval Movements.

Peking, March 13. The Japanese note sent to the Waichiaopu this afternoon says that having regard to the recent situation near Taku, the Japanese Government has despatched four destroyers to Tangku by way of precaution to safeguard the free passage of vessels going in and out of the river.

Two of four destroyers, the Fugi and the Suzuki, were ordered to proceed up river on this mission on the afternoon of the 12th.

Upon information of the entry into Tangku of these destroyers, the Japanese Consul-General at Tientsin lost no time in demanding from Lu Chung-Hin to issue to local Chinese militarists the necessary instructions to avoid any misunderstandings.

All the necessary arrangements had also been made between a member of the Japanese Consulate-General previously despatched to the spot and the Taku forts authorities as to the entry of the aforementioned destroyers.

Precaution Taken.

Moreover, these vessels were preceded by a steam launch with a Chinese officer from the forts aboard, and flying their own flags and the "C" flag, as previously arranged. They proceeded upriver with the utmost caution. When they were under the forts, however, and the Chinese officer had landed from the launch to report to the forts authorities, all of a sudden a volley of shots was fired by Chinese soldiers near the forts. In sheer necessity of self protection Japanese destroyers had

landed from the launch to report to the forts authorities, after which the forts replied.

This is flatly denied by the Japanese Consul-General, who characterise the report as absurd.—Reuter.

Tientsin, March 14. According to a statement made by the diplomatic representative of the Kuomintang here, a Japanese destroyer fired on the forts first, after which the forts replied.

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YACHTING.

COMMODORES' CUPS RACES.

Rolls and Bluenose Win Coveted Trophies.

The race for the Commodores' cups took place on Saturday in weather far from ideal, for in addition to it being very dull the wind was very uncertain and patchy. At times boats were gunwale under one minute and the next whistling for wind. At certain periods during the afternoon it veered from S. by W. to S. and although the Observatory reported two more of the afternoon it was by no means constant.

Consequently the racing was more a matter of luck. In the Handicap class "Rolls" at last showed her real form and won the race by just over half a minute. "La Lindi" followed her in and but for a bit of bad joss at Channel Rocks, when she ran into a calm patch would undoubtedly have won. "Dinna" was third and "Borelha" fourth.

The other three classes raced together and although fortunes varied a lot the finish was quite exciting, five of them having gone round Channel Rocks together. "Bluenose" eventually won a well sailed race, "Pierrette" being second and "Gael" third. "Gael" had very bad luck, for after leading the whole fleet of small boats she struck one of the many unfortunate calms and lost her premier position.

The times were as follows:

Handicaps:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1st	5.49	47	5.49	47
2nd	5.53	43	5.47	22
3rd	6.00	10	5.69	16
4th	6.15	55	6.01	22

Lightweight Race.

Mr. Paterson's Cheriton Vale (Mr. Pollock)..... 1

Mr. Alan Forsyth's Chessman (Lt. Turner)..... 2

Mr. Simpson's Smart Guy (Owner)..... 3

Also ran—Midget (Mr. Kusell), Wuyla (Mr. Stanton), Why Not? (Mr. Milne), Fanling (Mr. Jardine), Georgie (Mr. Jardine), May Leaf (Mr. Sewell). Time, 31 minutes.

Heavyweight Race.

Mr. R. H. Charles' Tam (Dr. Macgown)..... 1

Mr. R. H. Charles' New York (Owner)..... 2

Mr. J. K. Bousfield's King Emperor (Owner)..... 3

Also ran—Two Pals (Mr. Potts), Iron Grey (Capt. Sturges), Alcuntra (Mr. Watson), Teddy (Mr. Stephenson), Strathlawn (Mr. Beck). Time, 28 minutes.

Mr. Potts was first home, but was disqualified for not completing the course.

Other Classes:

Bluenose 1st .. 2.43 6 17.52 6 15.09

Pierrett 2nd .. 4.32 6 20.04 6 16.32

Gael 3rd .. 3.38 6 20.26 6 16.46

Boojum .. 2.43 6 20.35 6 17.53

Why Wonder .. 2.43 6 20.47 6 17.03

Daphne .. 2.43 6 19.50 6 19.50

Ailsa .. 2.43 6 23.59

At 7 p.m., the three last boats, "Sealark," "Lola" and "Adèle" had not finished.

Cruiser Race Unfinished.

Owing to lack of wind the cruiser race for the Commodores' cups was not finished yesterday. When the six starters were sent away at 10.30 a.m. from the Yacht Club there was hardly a breath of air and the boats drifted down to Lyemun with the tide. The starters were U. and I. Mist, Norseman, Ladye Jean, Brenda and Coquette.

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GUEST ARRESTS HIS HOST.

A Dry Sensation.

Tientsin, March 14.

In connection with the blockade of Tientsin, a conference about the Foxglove between the British, American, French and Italian naval commanders has decided to require the commanders of Chang Tao-jin's fleet and the Taku forts to afford complete cessation of military interference, by March 16.

No Japanese attended the conference, owing to the absence of Japanese warships.—Reuter.

Kuomintang Allegation.

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A society event in his honour has been cancelled, and his action has resulted in doubling the "wet" votes in a newspaper poll on the "dry" laws. —Reuter.

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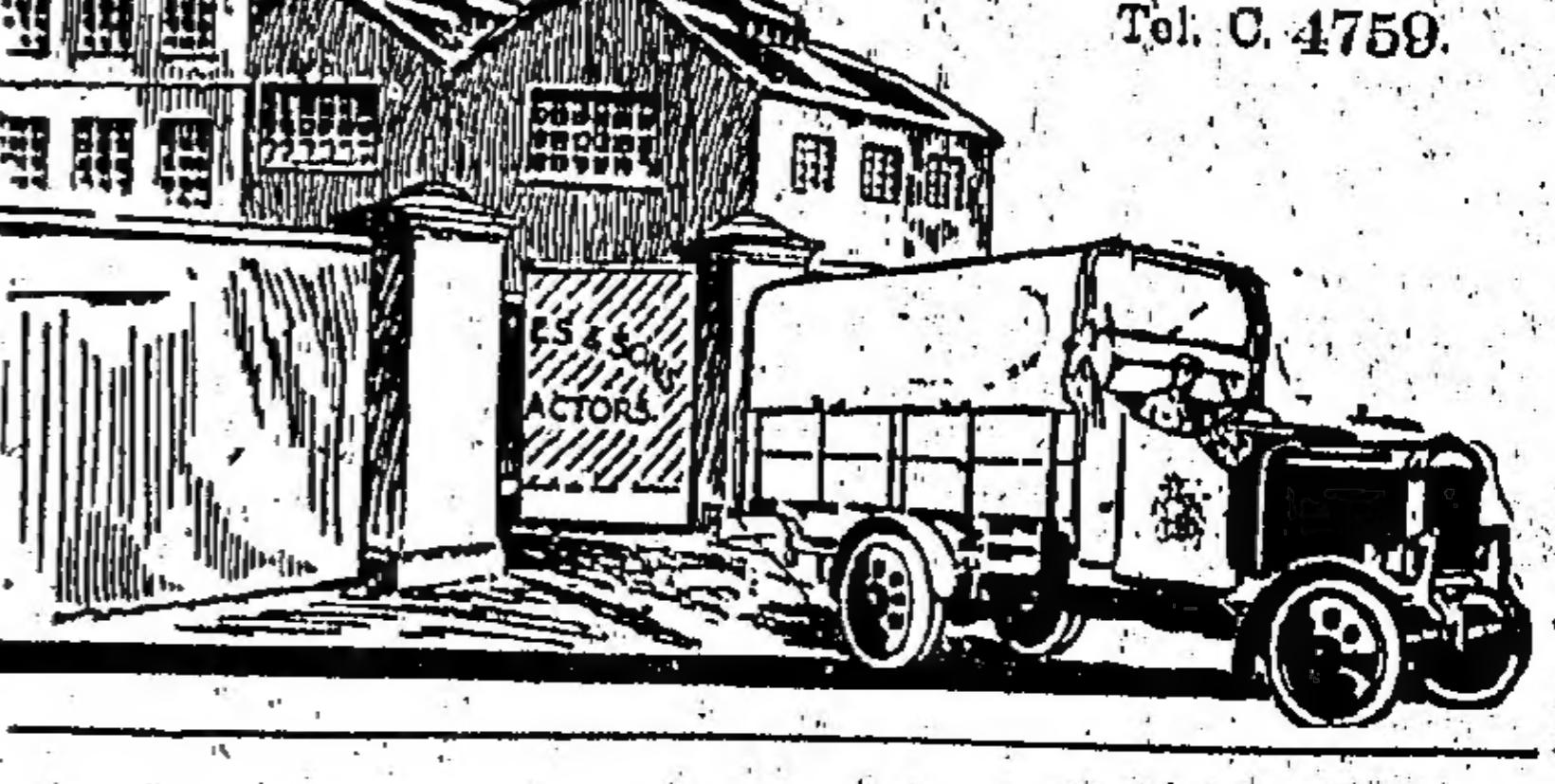
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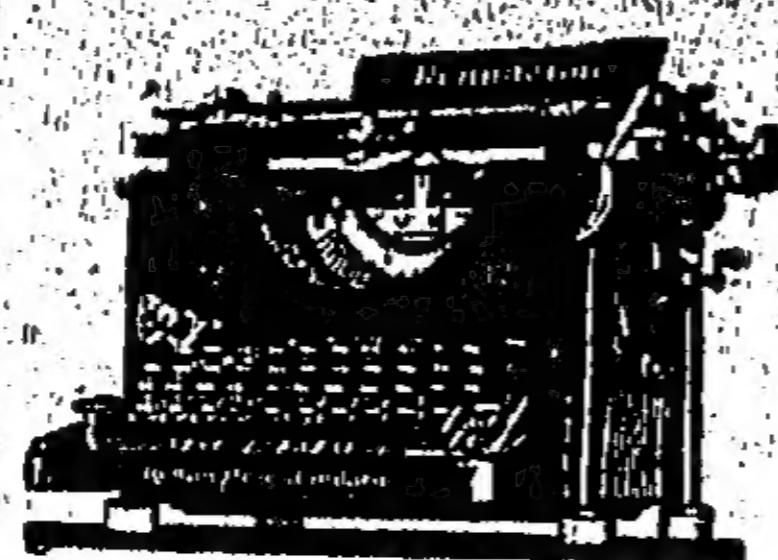
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DEATH.

KIRKWOOD.—Miss Elizabeth Kirkwood, eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Kirkwood, of Victoria, B.C., passed away at 1.30 this morning, March 15.

The Telegraph.

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1926.

A PROTEST.

If the account of the Investiture at Government House, which appeared in our issue of Saturday, was somewhat lacking in detail, the fault for this circumstance lies, not with us, but with Government House. The occasion was admittedly an important one and was made the more "so" from the fact that it was the first official function which His Royal Highness Prince George had performed in this Colony. Much public interest was manifested in the function, even although the attendance was, perhaps necessarily, restricted to a limited number of guests. It was our duty, therefore—as it was our desire—to supply our readers with as full an account of the proceedings as was possible, and, with that end in view, we endeavoured earlier in the week to obtain reasonable facilities in order to report the ceremony. We were informed, however, that no invitations were being issued to the Press; further, we were asked to publish no account of the proceedings other than an official communiqué which would be supplied after the "Investiture" had taken place. This communiqué, incidentally, reached us long after we had gone to press, and was in a form unsuited for publication, being nothing more nor less than advance instructions to those taking part in the ceremony. But, such as it was, it could well have been supplied to the Press some hours before, to be used as the basis of a properly-written newspaper account. At the very least, we might have been furnished in advance with a list of the recipients of honours and the names of the principal participants in the ceremony.

We most strongly protest against the Press being ignored by those in authority not issuing invitations to the newspapers, and thereby depriving the public of what they had a right to expect—namely, a descriptive, informative and up-to-the-minute account of the function. This

afront to our clientele is all the more to be regretted in view of the recent tendency on the part of Government officials to dictate to the Press what it shall and shall not publish. The primary duty of any newspaper is to serve the public, and we strongly deprecate any attempt, from whatever quarter, to place us in leading strings. We would remind our officials that the methods of newspaper production are in no sense comparable to those obtaining in the publication of *Government Gazette*.

We are, quite frankly, astounded at the air of extreme secrecy with which Saturday's proceedings were surrounded, which was little short of ludicrous. If the officials of this Colony are not aware of it, we can inform them that Investitures at Buckingham Palace are not marked by the pettifogging restrictions of which we complain. Public and Press alike are admitted, so that the people may see their King conferring honours on those whom His Majesty has been pleased to honour. Moreover, at Home, the movements of Royalty are nowadays specially featured in the Press, but, judging from Saturday's experience, that apparently, is not desired in Hongkong! We should have thought that such a discerning man as His Excellency the Governor would ere this have realised that the functions and scope of the Colony's newspapers have immeasurably expanded since the days when he was a Cadet in Government service; and, realising this, that he would be the last man to countenance any interference with their service to the public.

The League Split.

In face of such sharply divided opinion, among those most intimately connected with the meetings of the delegates to the League of Nations at Geneva, it is impossible for us 'even after reading the very full telegrams sent by *Reuter* to say who has been most at fault in precipitating the political "disaster," which all are so genuinely regretting. France blames Germany, whilst Germany blames certain other unnamed Powers; the *Daily Mail* vigorously defends France and the Allies in general, whilst the *Daily Mail* and the *Daily Chronicle* blame Britain's earlier attitude of compromise—an attitude which encouraged all aspirants to permanent seats to strive as hard as possible in the hope that the "compromise" might be found in adopting their viewpoint. But if it is hard to come to a just decision in apportioning blame, there is no difficulty in realising the tremendous loss which has been suffered. All the good work at Locarno is endangered, the traditional distrust between France and Germany has been revived and emphasised, smaller nations like Poland and Spain have been played with as pawns in a game of barter, and the representatives of dozens of other nations who were impatiently waiting for the meeting of the Assembly to which they had been summoned were forced to witness a game of intrigue which belied the very spirit of the organisation in whose name it was taking place. The League has, undoubtedly, suffered a very severe blow so far as its prestige is concerned. Of course, there might even yet be an eleventh-hour "give in" on the part of one or other of the different contenders, although feeling has been strained to a pitch at which it will not be easy to affect a *rapprochement*. Sir Austen Chamberlain, apparently, has been an indefatigable worker in the cause of a peaceful agreement, and this fact will give some Britons cause for consolation. But there are many, on the other hand, who assert that a firmer attitude at the beginning—weeks ago—would have saved the debacle.

The death occurred last month of Lady Jerram, wife of Admiral Sir Mafty Jerram; G.C.M.G., K.C.B., who was Commander-in-Chief on the China Station when the Great War broke out and subsequently played a prominent part in the North Sea operations.

DAY BY DAY.

HYPOCRISY IS VOLLY. IT IS MUCH EASIER, SAFER AND PLEASANTER TO BE THE REAL THING.—Cecil.

The Empress of Canada left Manila at midnight on Sunday and is due here at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The s.s. Shirala is to leave Amoy at 9 a.m. on the 17th, and is due here on the following morning.

The s.s. Kidderpore, which left Shanghai at 2.30 p.m. on the 13th, is due here at 6 a.m. on the 17th.

The s.s. Delta left Singapore yesterday at 6 a.m. and is due here on the afternoon of the 19th instant.

Passengers departing for Manila, by s.s. Empress of Canada on Friday included Mr. W. A. Butterfield, Mr. N. Currie and Mr. and Mrs. J. Gould.

Capt. R. Neville, Royal Marines, who was aide-de-camp to Sir Edward Stubbs in Hongkong, has been appointed private secretary to the Governor of Ceylon.

Many Hongkong friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Churchill, widow of the late Mr. J. F. Churchill, who was for a few years Assistant Director of Public Works in Hongkong. She died at Oxford on February 7th.

It has been reported that sometime on March 13th, two anchor lights, a coil of four-inch rope, and a tarpaulin were stolen from a dockyard mooring lighter, which was anchored opposite the Naval Yard, Kowloon.

As the result of a fight, a Chinese woman has been taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital, suffering from wound on the head. The woman who is alleged to have struck the blow is now in custody.

A Chinese male and female, who were arrested at Ngau Shi Wan in possession of two daggers and one revolver, were charged before the Kowloon Magistrate this morning with unlawful possession of arms. Both defendants were remanded for two days.

Towards the end of the present year, Lieut.-Col. F. S. Montagu-Bates, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., East Surrey Regiment, will vacate the command of the 2nd Battalion at Hongkong, in the usual course. Lieut.-Colonel Montagu-Bates joined the East Surreys from Lumsden's Corps during the South African War.

Passengers leaving for Home by s.s. Kashmir on Saturday included Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bird, Miss Bird, Mrs. G. W. Sollars, Mrs. Arthur, Mr. H. Burberry, Mr. H. S. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Austin, Mr. A. S. Cantrell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. P. Jerningham, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Cashman and family.

Capt. Morris, of Kowloon, reported to the police yesterday that sometime on Saturday night a clock, valued at \$35, was stolen from his motor-car, which he had left on the public stand outside the Star Ferry, Kowloon. A robbery was also committed yesterday on a naval lighter anchored near the Admiralty cannibals, Kowloon. A quantity of rope and canvas was stolen.

The present water restrictions have caused considerable hardship to certain classes of the Chinese and quarells, which eventually result in fights, are becoming almost daily occurrences. Obtaining water from fire hydrants is also prevalent, and this morning several Chinese appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy, on charges of disorderly conduct and of wasting water from the fire hydrants. In each case the offenders were mulcted in fines of \$5 each.

Cinema-goers will be entertained at the Queen's Theatre at present, the star picture being "Riders of the Purple Sage." The story is based on a novel by Zane Grey, and it features the ever-popular Tom Mix, who, as may be imagined, does some thrilling feats of horsemanship. Some beautiful scenery is shown in the film also. A very funny Fox comedy and the latest British news reel complete the programme.

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

ENLIGHTENING DETAILS OF PERFORMANCE.

Rugby, March 14.

Immediately after his safe arrival and enthusiastic reception at Croydon Aerodrome on Saturday, Mr. Alan Cobham proceeded to Buckingham Palace and was received by H.M. the King. Cobham handed to His Majesty a letter from Lord Athlone, the Governor-General of South Africa, and received extremely warm congratulations on his magnificent achievement.

On his return flight from Cape Town, Cobham flew 8,500 miles in 80 flying hours. Of the whole of his 16,000 miles flight to and from Cape Town, although he encountered every kind of weather from the intense heat of the Soudan to icy temperature over the Mediterranean and including sand-storms and snow-storms, Cobham had not the slightest technical difficulty with his machine or engine. His De Havilland 50 aeroplane, which has now flown over 100,000 miles, was the identical machine on which last year he flew to Rangoon from London. On the Cape Town flight he had a Siddeley-Puma 380 horsepower, air-cooled, engine of the same type as that used on the Rangoon flight but of higher power.

This was necessary because of the high altitude of many of the landing grounds on the African flight. Cobham would have done the return flight in eleven instead of fifteen days had not tropical storms turned some of the African landing grounds into swamps from which it was impossible to take off until the water had drained away. His flight was undertaken not only to prove the reliability of an all-British aeroplane, but also to prove how much might be done in the way of aerial mail and passenger service between various parts of Africa.—*British Wireless*.

AMBULANCE BRIGADE.**VACCINATION DUTIES.**

The Y.M.C.A. Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade recently vaccinated 300 Chinese residents at Cheung Chow, and also 275 Chinese, mostly boat-people, at Aberdeen.

In each case the vaccination was done at the request of those concerned.

OBITUARY.**DEATH OF MISS E. KIRKWOOD.**

Many friends will sympathise with Mrs. E. O. Murphy, of the Empress Hotel, Miss M. Kirkwood and others of the family in the death of their eldest sister, Miss Elizabeth Kirkwood, who came to Hongkong only in November of last year, bringing with her Mrs. Murphy's youngest son, who had just completed his education in Canada.

The climate of the Colony did not suit the deceased lady, but an unfortunate accident prevented her intended return to Vancouver, her shoulder being dislocated as the result of a fall. Her whole system thus received a severe shock, and although the accident occurred more than two months ago, the patient never recovered her strength, passing away from heart failure at 1.30 this morning.

The funeral passes the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

MOTORIST CHARGED.**REMANDED ON THREE COUNTS.**

Alleged to have run into a ricksha, as a result of which the coolie and passenger were injured, and to have driven on without stopping, Mr. H. P. Yu, of Wongneichong Road, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, to answer three charges. He was charged with failing to report an accident, failing to stop when signalled to do so by a policeman, and having defective brakes.

According to a report made to the police by the ricksha coolie, he was taking a passenger along Des Voeux Road West, when car No. 777, owned by Mr. Yu, collided with the ricksha, upsetting it, and throwing the passenger out. Both the passenger and the coolie were injured, but were not taken to hospital, and the ricksha was badly damaged. The car did not stop. According to a statement made by the passenger he lost \$430, which he was carrying in his hand.

The defendant said this morning that his car was not out, as he left it in the garage before two o'clock, and the accident happened about an hour later. The case was remanded for a week bail of \$250 being allowed.

The Very Idea!

"Hello! Hello! Is this you, Mac?"

"Ay."

"Is this Mr. MacPherson I'm talking to?"

"Ay; speakin'!"

"Well, Mac, it's like this. I want to borrow a pound."

"A'richt, I'll tell him as soon as he comes in."

One of these days it will be the duty of the League of Nations to keep two of them apart.

A flower has been exhibited which trembles at the sound of a human voice. As a Hongkong concert-goer I have often done the same thing myself.

The latest story is that of a conjurer who went to Aberdeen to give an entertainment, and asked if there was anybody in the audience who would lend him a six-penny-bit!

We see by the pictures in the newspapers that some extremely advanced nature dancing was done in Washington for a fund intended to relieve little friendless dogs of distemper. Any excuse, it seems, will do.

The Pope has just received from Professor Kertesz a collection of a thousand translations of the Lord's Prayer in different languages, a pious, though not a markedly useful, labour of love. The Professor's collection of tongues beats that of the British and Foreign Bible Society, who have published the Bible (or part of it) in over seven hundred languages.

The good don't die young if they have discretion enough to avoid making insulting comparisons.

Miss America of Philadelphia, who won the national leg championship at Atlantic City last season, is ready to defend her laurels... It goes without saying the French, the Louvre and other of condition but in rare form as well.

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That improvements to the telephone system in accordance with the report of an expert who came here in December were now under consideration was stated by the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, who took the chair at this morning's meeting of the Hongkong Telephone Company, Limited. There were also present the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. R. G. Shewan, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Father L. Robert, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. W. J. Hawker (for Mr. Taigart) (Directors), Mr. A. L. Terry (secretary), Mr. H. S. Bennett, A.M.I.E.E. (manager), the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Mr. H. M. Walker, Mr. D. McNeill, and Mr. R. E. Ost (shareholders).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

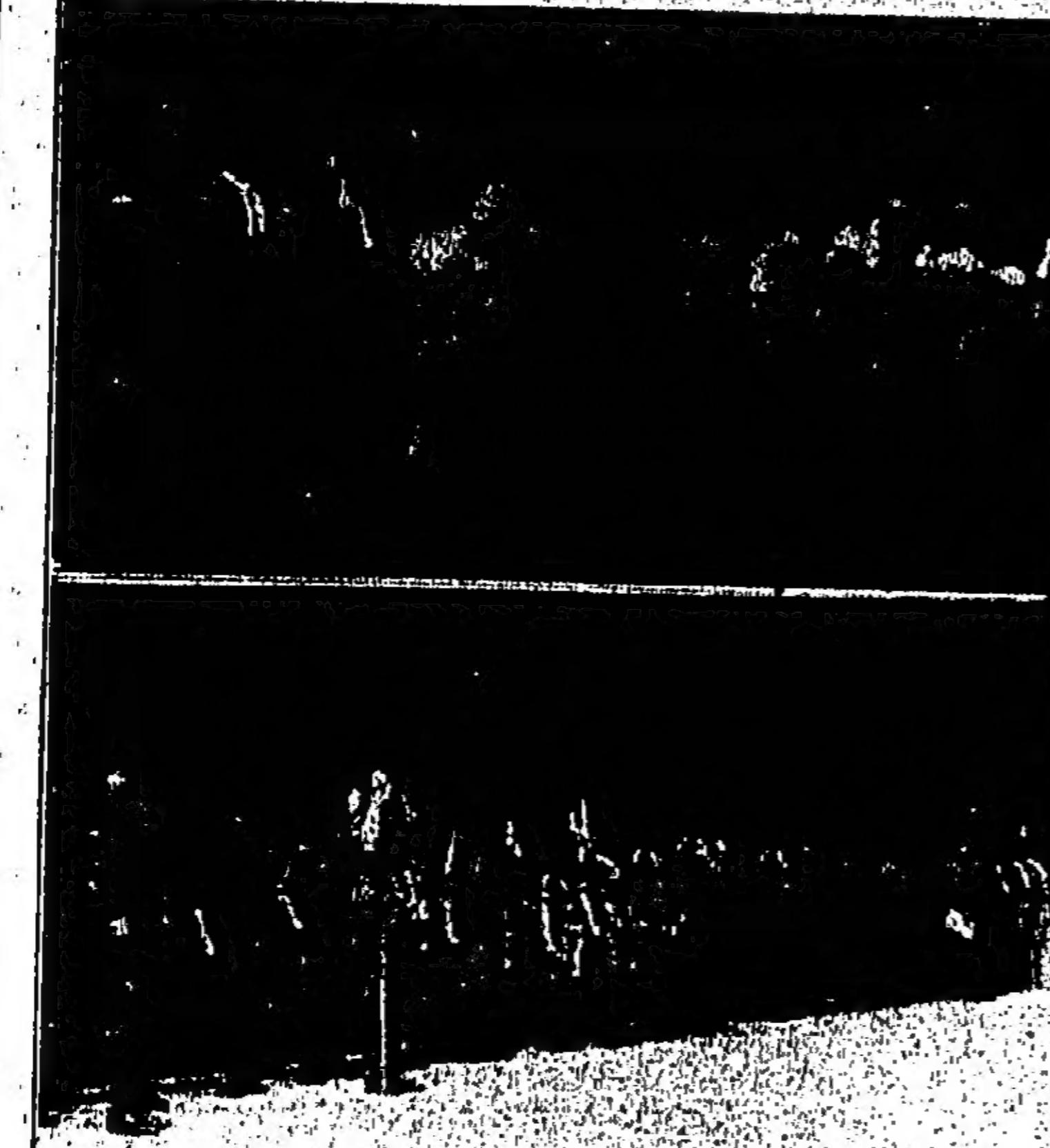
The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts for the half year ended 31st December, 1925, are before you; and, with your permission, I will take them as read. As it has been decided that the financial period shall end on 31st December each year, the accounts before you show the results of the working during the months July—December, 1925. The net profits of \$109,404.51, after allowing for the full depreciation on the plant and properties, a bonus to the indentured staff and half of the preliminary expenses written off, is, I feel sure you will agree, a satisfactory result. The period under review has been a most difficult one owing to the local political trouble, but in spite of the difficulties the telephone service was maintained without interruption. The staff, augmented by certain ladies who volunteered their services cheerfully carried out long hours of duty and undertook unaccustomed manual work, and I now express the Company's appreciation to them, and to the ladies who so kindly assisted the staff, of the services so readily given during the worst period of the trouble. The business of the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd. was taken over by us on 1st July, 1925, and all of our obligations under this head have since been met. The London Company has now no interest in the business other than that of an ordinary shareholder.

I am sure you regret with me the untimely death of the late Sir George Gibb who took such an important part in the negotiations which finally led to the formation of this company.

As regards the future, you are already aware that Mr. Weightman, a distinguished telephone expert of international répute selected by the Crown Agents, at our request, to report and advise on the present system in use here, arrived in December and went thoroughly into the question. His report is now under consideration and action will be taken as soon as possible to improve the service. Whatever may eventually be decided upon, however, owing to the congestion amongst telephone manufacturers the world over, it must take the best part of two years from the date the order for the new installation is placed before it can be in work here. Meanwhile your Directors are earnestly considering what measures can be taken to relieve the congested conditions in the main exchange. When we are in a position to supply additional lines we can look forward to a rapid development of our business. There is already a healthy demand which is certain to increase as conditions here become more normal. Before moving the adoption of the report of the directors with the audited statement of accounts it is necessary, to fulfil the conditions of the Companies Ordinance, that I should read the auditor's statement. I now move that the report of the Directors, with the audited statement of accounts and balance sheet for the period from 24th June, 1925 (the date of incorporation of the Company) to 31st December, 1925, presented to the meeting, be and the same are hereby received, approved and adopted; that a dividend for six months to 31st December, 1925, at the rate of 8% per annum on the capital paid up at December 31st, namely \$1,025,000.

The Chairman.—Hear, hear.

BOY SCOUT RALLY.



Two snapshots taken at the Boy Scout rally at Headquarter House on Saturday, when Major General and Mrs. Luard were at home to visiting Troops. (Photo: Ming Yuen.)

BRIGHTER KOWLOON.

STAR THEATRE ENTERPRISE.

The Star Theatre management are to be congratulated on their recent efforts to provide Kowloon audiences with something different from the entertainment provided by the silent drama of the screen.

The week-end programme which featured Middle Xenia Makletzova and her partner, M. Bines, in classical dancing attracted good attendances, which thoroughly appreciated their graceful efforts.

It was impossible, of course, for the prima ballerina to sustain the long programme unremittingly, and interspersed were pianoforte solos by Mr. Harry Ore, and songs by Mr. Aquino, a local tenor.

To-morrow the Hawaiians, with Elsie Maynard, who have been pleasing Queen's Theatre audiences, will give an evening performance.

be paid; that the sum of \$25,000 be appropriated to Reserve Account and the sum of \$17,404.51 be carried forward to the next account. I shall be obliged if a shareholder present will kindly second this motion.

The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, the resolution being carried unanimously.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

Mr. Bird proposed and Mr. McNeill seconded the re-election of the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall and Mr. J. Scott Harston as directors for the ensuing year.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$2,400 on the proposition of Mr. McNeill, seconded by Mr. Walker.

A SHAREHOLDER'S DISGUST.

The Chairman announced that was all the business of the meeting and Mr. McNeill rose to draw attention to the fact that only four shareholders were present. He expressed surprise that not only in the Telephone Company, but in all other local companies with which he was connected, the shareholders took no apparent interest in their own financial affairs. He added that they were content to read the reports in the newspapers and then proceed to "chew the fat" as to the best way of improving affairs. They were satisfied to argue instead of attending the meeting and putting their views before the directors. It did not give the other shareholders a chance.

"This meeting", he said, "is practically a meeting of directors, I am disgusted."

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, replying, said it was rather irregular, but the directors sympathised with Mr. McNeill in his views. He felt sure that directors of any company welcomed criticism which was fair and which was constructive and not destructive. The directors would welcome helpful criticism in preference to having shareholders whispering behind their backs.

Mr. McNeill:—Yes, if they would only come here and say what they have to say it would be much nicer.

The Chairman.—Hear, hear.

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FOOCHOW NOTES.

BANDITRY RECEIVES
A CHECK.

(Our Own Correspondent)

Foochow, March 6

During the last few months it is reported that no less than 40,000 people have left the province of Fukien, en route for the warmer and quieter regions of Malaya, Borneo, and Java. A large proportion of these have gone from the country parts of Kutien, and Mingsing. At length the officials have become anxious, seeing the countryside deserted, and many villages left with practically no inhabitants, and have tried to persuade the people to remain. The reply was sufficiently adequate, viz. that banditry was so rife that life was not worth living, and until conditions improved, the population had no alternative but to move elsewhere. The officials, seeing the force of the argument, applied to Foochow for help, and strong measures have been taken to deal with the bandits. Hundreds have been decapitated, sometimes scores at a time suffering the extreme penalty, and, at last, more peaceful conditions are reported.

How long this policy will be maintained, and whether its results will, in the long run be satisfactory, are questions that the future must answer.

DIOCESAN SYNOD.

The 17th annual meeting of the Synod of the Chung Hwa, Shen Kung Hui, has just been held, (February 28th—March 3rd), in Foochow, and has been most inspiring and interesting. It is noteworthy that, while the reports from the thirteen districts in the Diocese were uniformly gloomy, so far as the conditions went, yet the financial position of the native Church appears to be stronger than ever. For this, no doubt the anti-Christian agitation is partly responsible, for it has put the Church members on their mettle, and has begun to give them a healthy Christian self-consciousness.

FOOCHOW SCHOOLS.

What the Spring term may hold in store for the Foochow Schools no one can tell, but all the Mission Schools are getting under way with undiminished zest, with larger numbers than last term.

At the same time all the public Primary Schools are still closed for the lack of funds, and many of the smaller private schools,

some recently founded with a definite anti-Christian purpose, are

VALUABLE HORSES.

£100,000 TRAINLOAD
REACHES NEWMARKET.

Newmarket.—Racelhorses valued at £100,000 travelled by special train from Devizes to the new training stables here at Fitzroy House taken by Mr. J. H. Crawford.

I joined the "special" at Cambridge, says a Home writer finding accommodation in the guard's van, and occupied the guard's hard, springless seat, while the horses travelled "first-class" in beautifully fitted horse-boxes.

Each passenger was attended by his valet, or stable-lad, and "luncheon" was served on route, as the horses were fed and watered.

The only hitch on the long journey was at Cambridge, when something went wrong with the vacuum brake, and the train was delayed by 20 minutes.

Under the export eye of Mr. Crawford the 35 racehorses de-trained at Newmarket.

Their travelling costumes were then seen to be very varied.

Some wore scarlet head and neck hoods, with their eyes showing through large round holes; others had no hoods, but sported striped back-cloths; a few had their legs swathed in grey-coloured bandages.

When the last horse had stopped daintily into the station yard, the long string, some mounted, and some led, went prancing, kicking and dancing on their toes to their new training quarters.

Mr. Crawford told me that it had been decided to move to Newmarket because it was more central.

The most valuable horse—Felt—was worth £12,000. Twenty-six of the animals belong to Sir Victor Sassoon, five to Mr. A. K. MacComber, one to Mr. J. E. Widener, and one to Mr. Langley.

The body of a Chinese female, of 23, Graham Street, has been taken to the Public Mortuary. It is suspected to be a case of poisoning.

A Chinese male fell from the third floor of a house in the course of erection in Hollywood Road. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

finding it hard to carry on. The so-called Fukien University, started with great flourish of trumpets a brief six months ago, has already come to an untimely end, its President having been accidentally killed in Kwok Sung-ling's debacle in Manchuria. Moral—mind your own business.

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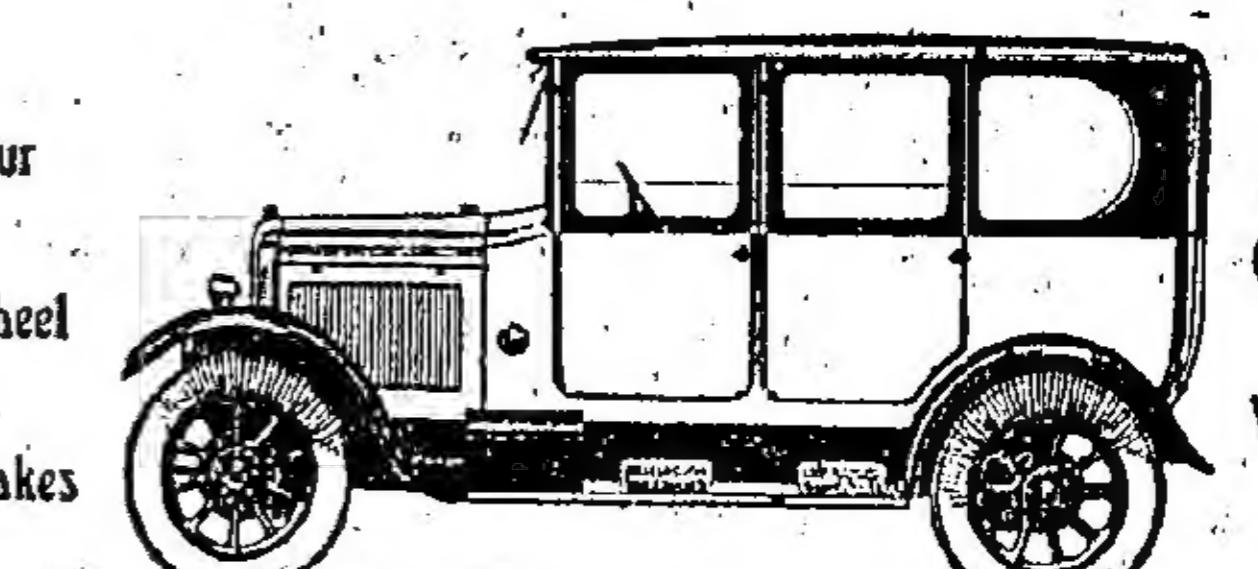
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SCHOOL PRIZES:

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL'S
ANNUAL FUNCTION

The Prize Winners.

The annual distribution of prizes of the Diocesan Girls' School was held on Friday when the headmistress, Miss Sawyer, presented the report on the progress of the school for last year. The Bishop of Victoria, Very Rev. G. R. Dupuy, presided, and others present were Mrs. Dupuy, the Revs. R. Copley Moyle, G. R. Lindsay and G. E. Arrowsmith.

The report for the year 1925 showed the attendance at the school during the year was 246 children, but the largest number on the register was in March when there were 239 pupils at the school. At present there were 202. Mention of the regrettable death of Miss Ferguson was also made in the report.

Following the presentation of prizes by Mrs. Dupuy, the students gave a delightful entertainment which included short sketches and recitations. Each section of the school was responsible for its share of the success of the concert. The complete list of prizes was as under:

Class Prizes.

Class 1.—Dorothy Ray; Class 2.—Thalia Prata; Class 3.—Phyllis Anderson; Class 4.—Molly Churn; Class 5.—Alice Wood; Class 5B.—Sarah Wong; Class 6.—Cynthia Silva; Class 7.—Stella Ho Ip; Class 8A.—Dennis Gregor; Class 8B.—Mark Wei; Kindergarten Class.—Glady Gardner.

Scripture Prizes.

Class 1.—Grace Ho Tung; Class 2.—Thalia Prata; Class 3.—Sadie Thorburn; Class 4.—Molly Churn; Class 5.—Jessie Wong;—Romane Sarah Wong; Class 6.—Rita Edwards; Class 7.—John Mackay; Class 8A.—Dennis Gregory; 8 Mid.—Betty Williams, Kindergarten;—Henry Raichsun.

Drawing Prizes.

Class 1.—Dorothy Ray; Class 2.—Eva Coyah; Class 3.—Ruby Churn; Class 4.—Molly Churn; Class 5.—Mabel Wilby Lee; Class 6.—Rita Edwards; Class 7.—Carrie May; Class 8.—Carrie Yu.

Tennis Cup.—Class 3; The players were Phyllis Anderson, Alice Roza, American Tournament;—Misses M. Muson and Grace Ho Tung.

Examination Results.

Matriculation; Dorothy Ray; (Dist. in English and History.)

Sonor; Beatrice Chua, (Distinction in needlework); Grace Ho Tung, Marie Kavannagh, Whinfred Kew, Vanda Remedios, (Distinction in needlework); Marie Silva and Janet Thorburn.

Junior: Mercedes Alves, Ofelia Barreto, (Distinction in English and Needlework); Eva Coyle, (Distinction in Needlework); Alda Figueiredo, (Distinction in Needlework); Maria Gomes, Margaret Grose, (Distinction in English); Thalia Prata, (Distinction in Needlework); Violet Shea and Dorothy Wynn-Williams.

Lugard Scholarship; Phyllis Anderson and Irene Gittins.

Pitman's shorthand; Agnes Brown, Marjorie Walter and Rosie Posaonby.

BOY SCOUTS.

COMPETITION FOR PRINCE OF WALES' BANNER.

Saturday's Rally.

The popularity of the Prince of Wales' Banner competition among local Boy Scouts is increasing each year and keener rivalry is shown by the various troops in the Colony. The preliminary events for the present year were held on Saturday afternoon at the residence of H. E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.

A number of local residents interested in the Boy Scout movement were present at the rally and these included Major-General and Mrs. Luard, Colonel and Mrs. Luard, Dr. Sir Eric and Lady Stuart Taylor, Mrs. Minett, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Neville-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Talati, Mrs. Skelton, Miss Fleming, Capt. R. Q. F. Johnston, and Mr. D. W. Morley.

Owing to His Excellency, the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi), not being able to attend, the presentation of the Prince of Wales' Banner to last year's winners did not take place.

The entire afternoon was devoted to the various tests in scout craft and a very pleasant and successful afternoon was spent. Col. and Mrs. Robertson provided tea for the Scouts and the elders were entertained by Major-General and Mrs. Luard.

Following a short address by the Commissioner, the Rev. G. T. Walgrave, warrants were presented, to a number of Scout Officers and the proceedings concluded with cheers for Major-General and Mrs. Luard.

N.Y.K.—T.K.K. AMALGAMATION.

DETAILS OF NEW OPERATION SCHEME.

Expansion of N.Y.K. Lines.

Although for a long time past rumours have been in circulation of proposed amalgamation of the N.Y.K. with the T.K.K., and as a matter of fact, schemes have been put forward with that object in view, the proposed fusion of the two big Companies did not go through owing to dissent over the terms. Recent negotiations, however, re-opened through the good offices of certain influential Japanese businessmen, have succeeded in bringing both parties together in agreeing to certain terms and conditions, so that a provisional contract was entered into, which contract by the Extraordinary General Meetings held respectively by the T.K.K. and N.Y.K. on the 16th February and 10th March, was adopted by the shareholders of each Company.

By the amalgamation thus finalised, the N.Y.K. will take over from the T.K.K. the operation of the San Francisco Line and South American (West Coast) Line, including the following eight steamers:

Tenyo Maru (Gross Tons 13,401)

Shinyo Maru (Gross Tons 13,039)

Korea Maru (Gross Tons 11,809)

Siberia Maru (Gross Tons 11,790)

Rukyu Maru (Gross Tons 9,418)

Anjo Maru (Gross Tons 9,256)

Ginyo Maru (Gross Tons 8,600) and

Bokyo Maru (Gross Tons 8,603).

The s.s. Taiyo Maru (Gross Tons 14,457), which is owned by the Japanese Government and hitherto operated by the T.K.K., will also be transferred to the N.Y.K. All these steamers will be delivered to the N.Y.K. at Yokohama between March 11th and June 22nd.

The Hongkong Office of the N.Y.K. will commence the booking of freight and passages over the San Francisco and South American routes from to-day, and the first steamer to be operated under the new regime will be the s.s. Tenyo Maru, which is expected to arrive here on the 25th March and to sail hence on the 27th April for San Francisco, under the revised schedule.

It may here be stated that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, since its establishment in 1885, has made rapid progress in developing and expanding its steamship business, and with the amalgamation with the T.K.K. just concluded, the N.Y.K. is adding to its world-wide services two more important lines, thus augmenting greatly its capabilities in the transportation of cargo and passengers, with the fleet now totalling 143 vessels aggregating 765,000 gross tons, so much so that it is now said to be one of the largest shipping companies in the world. It may be added that the Hongkong Branch of the N.Y.K., which was opened in 1893, will become a most important office, owing to this port being the terminus of the two big Lines just acquired from the T.K.K., as well as attending to its own established services, such as the Far East-London Line, Liverpool Line, Hamburg Line, Seattle Line, Australian Line, South American (East Coast) Line, New York Line, Bombay Line and Calcutta Line.

NORTHERN WAR.

KUOMINCHUN'S REASONS FOR REFUSING TERMS

Ascendancy Claimed.

Shanghai, March 13. Kuominchun headquarters today gave out the text of a telegram from Li Chung-lin, in which he expresses his views of the recent peace parleys at Peking.

He concedes the feasibility of surrendering Jehol to Fengtien, but scouts the suggestion that Chihi should also be surrendered, pointing out that for the second time great sacrifices are being made by the Kuominchun to preserve the integrity of the province; and furthermore it is really a matter for Sun Yuen to decide.

On the general question of a rapprochement with Mukden, Lu suggests the Fengtien side is weakened considerably by the loss of Kuo Sung-lin and Chiang Teng-huan, also by the defeat of Li Ching-lin and Chang Tsung-chang, which he claims is now complete.

If, therefore, the Kuominchun adopts a strong attitude, he considers it will be easier to come to terms with Fengtien, than if weakness were shown.

There is no reason, he declares finally, why they should sue for peace when the Kuominchun is steadily gaining ground. For himself, he swears to fight to the last.

—Reuter's American Service.

LAWN BOWLS.

SPOON GAME AT KOWLOON.

Bowling Green Beat the Dock.

A very interesting match took place between members of the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on the latter's green on Saturday. It was on the initiative of Mr. David Keith (who is shortly leaving the Colony) that this successful event took place. There were six representative rinks from each club, the aggregate scores at the conclusion of the match being, Kowloon Bowling Green, 147 points; Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, 109 points.

During the afternoon tea and refreshments were provided by Mr. Keith, and served by Messrs. McIntosh and Cooper, and at the conclusion of the match, silver Cairngorm spoons were presented to the winners of the successful rinks. Another interesting feature of the afternoon was the presentation of silver thistle cups to the members of the rink returning the highest number of points.

The prizes were given away by Mrs. McIntosh, who together with Mrs. Cooper were presented with silver souvenirs for their attendance at the tea tables during the afternoon.

The following were the rinks and scores:

K.D.R.C. K.B.G.C.

Cooper, Dobbie;

PLAY AND PLAYERS.

TWO PENALTIES IN SHIELD TIE.

[BY "WANDERER."]

In accordance with general expectation Kowloon and the Club de Recreio qualified for the semi-final stage of the H.K.A. Senior Shield Competition on Saturday by their respective victories over the Club and the Royal Artillery. In the semi-final Kowloon meet the Police and the Recreio the East Surreys.

The Police bettered their league position by gaining a 3-2 win at the expense of the Tamar. St. Joseph's gained an unexpected success over South China "A" who scored first and lost by the odd goal of three.

The results were:

Senior Shield—1st Round.

Club 1 Kowloon 2

R.A. 1 Recreio 4

League, Division I.

Police 3 Tamar 2

Division II. "A."

St. Joseph's 2 S. China "A" 1

Division II. "B"

S. China "C" 3 University 2

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KOWLOON WIN UNEXCITING GAME.

Because they accepted one of many opportunities, and the Club allowed equivalent chances to pass without conversion, Kowloon deserved their win in the Shield Competition, though their success was only gained after a very poor game in which neither side showed its real form, and in which trivial incidents had a big effect on the attitude of the players.

Both sides paid far too much attention to the man, and too little to the academic side of football. Several players lost their tempers after mild infringements by the other side and resorted to questionable tactics. The game suffered in consequence and Kowloon were far more to blame than their opponents.

Two penalties were awarded for offences which affected the play not one iota, and Sims opened the Kowloon score from the first, and Forsyth equalised from the second. The pukka goal came about fifteen minutes from the end when McKelvie placed the Club defence in a tangle with a high forward pass, and Linaker headed between the two backs for Caveille to dash in and defeat Rodger from close quarters with a fast left foot shot.

Over-excitement and a lively ball contributed to a dull first half. Not one player in the twenty could trap the ball with any confidence and so far as Kowloon were concerned there was little apparent enthusiasm instilled into the game. They appeared to be content to wait until the ball came their way and yet had the better of the opening half. The inside forwards worked hard but were let down badly by the wingers, Taylor being particularly inept, and with Howard in great form, and Bishop and Gerard prepared to kick the ball hard in any direction other than their goal, Kowloon's forward quintette found progress difficult. On the other hand the Club forwards well played with good passes made little progress against a vigorous defence. Even when Wheeler mis-kicked three times almost in succession neither Morrison or MacBride could take advantage of the mistake; invariably they put weakly by.

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THE R. A. SUCCUM.

Roughly twenty-five minutes after the start during a Kowloon raid, Bishop ran to breast the ball which rebounded on to his forearm and dropped into convenient position for him to clear. The referee awarded a penalty and Sims converted, though the ruling was rather harsh.

The second half was some ten minutes old when McKelvie fouled Forsyth and another penalty was given. In this instance McKelvie was covering Avery who had cleared the ball when the by-play between Forsyth and McKelvie commenced. I am inclined to the view that Forsyth began the fooling and McKelvie caught the eye of the referee. The penalty, however, was justified and McKelvie as captain should have known better than to leg-wrestle with Forsyth in his own goal-mouth. Forsyth made no mistake with the kick, and for some time afterwards the Club were on top. The Kowloon defence was rattled and Wheeler handled close in, the free-kick going narrowly by and McKelvie handled some 25 yards out and the ball was shot wide.

"South China "A" were defeated for the first time this season when they were opposed to St. Joseph's on Saturday. The Colleagues surprised by their all-round effectiveness, but Lau Kau opened the scoring for South China from a penalty after Hui had saved a similar award at the other end. The winning goal was netted by Maher who put through after Hui had been drawn out of his charge.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

A BOWLERS' DAY.

Eventually Kowloon steadied and had far more of the game. Linaker headed into Rodger's waiting hands from close range, and saved a good shot by Caveille. The goal described above came ten minutes from the end and the Club at no time looked capable of again equalising.

Kowloon once again demonstrated their inability to play good football away from home, though indeed neither side made any pretence to be clever. Avery in goal made some splendid saves noticeably in the second half. A ball mistimed by McKelvie let Brodie clean through and though he could have walked the ball in, he chose to put in a hot drive from fifteen yards. Avery dived across his goal to punch clear at the expense of an abortive corner.

The play of Wheeler and Reed was a fluctuating quality, though on the whole they were a good pair. On occasion they cleared their lines brilliantly and in the next minute made palpable mistakes. Turner, Sims and McKelvie usually had the measure of the Club forwards, but the latter pair lost control of themselves and did not add to their laurels. Duncan was, too much a half-back to assist in forward combination though he did much for the Irish. Linaker struggled valiantly in the centre and was the most useful forward on view, while Caveille slipped neat pass to Taylor on the wing only to see him make a hopeless mess of things. Hayes found Gerrard too

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HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL.

ENGLAND BEATS WALES.

London, March 13.
Playing at Abergavenny. England beat Wales at hockey by four goals to nil.—Reuter.

THE GOLF INVASION.

WHAT ARE ENGLAND'S CHANCES.

Feb.—Britain, easily the predominant golfing country until 1920, has been severely hit in international competition during the past five years. Everybody feels that it is time to grapple seriously with the changed situation. A committee of four—two Englishmen and Scotsmen—appointed by the Royal and Ancient Club, will meet then to select 20 amateurs who are to be asked to prepare themselves for the match against the United States for the Walker Cup at St. Andrews on June 2 and 3. It is our first attempt of the kind, and a great many people are asking what special forms of sacrifice or diligence the distinguished 20 will be expected to adopt in order to fit themselves for the struggle against wonderful Mr. Bobby Jones and his brilliant comrades.

It was finally decided that the ships should be built in the Far East, where all the big shipbuilding yards have had much experience in constructing vessels of shallow draft, and tenders were accordingly called for a few months ago. Many tenders were submitted by Far Eastern shipbuilding concerns, the lowest being that of the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd., whose price worked out at an average of \$107,500 per vessel. The next lowest was the tender of the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works, Ltd., whose average price was Tls. 184,000 per vessel; and the next that of the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works (a Chinese Government-owned concern), whose price was \$154,000 per vessel.

In the original specifications, on which the above tenders were based, Diesel engines, to be supplied by the U.S. Government, were to be fitted in the ships, and the U.S. authorities were also to supply bullet-proof armour-plating and certain auxiliaries.

We understand that it was afterwards represented to the U.S. authorities that for the work the gunboats will have to undertake, steam engines would be preferable to Diesels, and it was finally decided that steam engines should be installed.

No new tenders were called for in consequence of this change of plans, and the contract for the whole six ships was awarded to the Chinese Government concern.

Boston, Feb. 2.—Harry Houdini, famous magician and handcuff-escape artist, to-day was made defendant in a suit charging slander brought by a Spiritualist minister of Brookline, who some months ago took exception to remarks made by Houdini in regard to mediums whose tricks Houdini attempted to expose. In a suit for \$100,000 damages, Fred A. Wiggin charges that Houdini caused him to be charged with the crime of petty larceny.

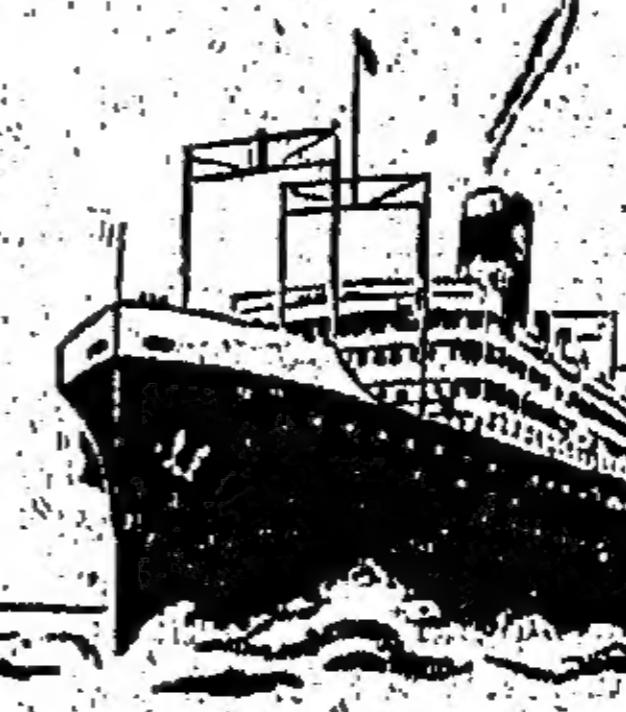
There have been many stories of how the Americans train. The truth is that their preparation consists of a succession of tournaments, interspersed with many half-hours of practice to set right any particular shot that may have gone astray.

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THE CATHCART CASE.

DEFEATED OFFICIAL RESIGNS.

New York, March 13.
The Immigration Commission or Mr. Henry F. Curran who came into prominence in connection with the Countess of Cathcart case has resigned.

Mr. Benjamin Day succeeds Mr. Curran.—Reuter's American Service.

M.C.C. IN THE WEST INDIES.

JAMAICA WELL BEATEN.

Kingstown, Jamaica, March 13.
The Marylebone team beat Jamaica by five wickets.

Jamaica made 334 (Morales 74, Rae 76, Martin 66) in their first innings, and 128 (Scott 54) in their second venture.

The M. C. C. made 228 (Holmes 62, Astill 44), and 227 for five (Smith 46, Holmes 62, Tennyson 42 and Watson 47 not out).

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DELTA	8,097	15th April	S'pore, P'ang, C'ho & B'bay
DEVANHA	8,155	17th April	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	21st April	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
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JAPAN	6,052	22nd March	Yoko, Kobe & Osaka
TILAWA	10,000	26th March	Sh'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MAGEDONIA	11,088	2nd April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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Madrid.—Two noted Spanish authors, Alvaro Retana and Juan Caballero, have been severely punished by the Court of Oyer and Terminer for the publication of novels which the Attorney General considered offensive to modesty and likely to create a public scandal. Retana was sentenced to five months' confinement and a fine of 1000 pesetas and was deprived of his rights as a citizen for eleven years. Caballero was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, a fine of 500 pesetas and deprivation of his civil rights for eleven years.

Jay Delage, of Philadelphia, accidentally killed himself recently in an effort to prove to two friends that there was no danger in handling an "unloaded" automatic revolver. Delage was talking with Francis Bradley and Donald Broberg, in his room. The conversation turned to firearms, and Delage showed a new gun he had purchased, pointing it at his friends. They urged him to put the weapon away, but Delage laughed at their fears and, "just to show it's not loaded," as he said, he placed it against his forehead and fired.

London.—Backless, non-slipping evening vests for men are being offered by West End tailors. With them the tailors assert they have solved the problem of bulging dress shirt fronts. The vests have a small collar which holds them in place about the neck and a broad band about the waist, but the back-lining is omitted.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

SATURDAY'S INVESTITURE.

In connection with the Investiture at Government House, of which we gave a brief report on Saturday, recipients of insignias in addition to those then mentioned were Mr. George White (Royal Albert medal), and Subadar Major and Hon. Captain Fazal Khan Sirdar Bahadur, of the 5th Batta, 2nd Punjab Regiment (First Class Order of British India).

His Royal Highness Prince George arrived at 11 a.m., and was met by the Governor, the General Officer Commanding and the Admiral. He then received the royal salute and proceeded to inspect the Royal Guard of Honour.

Proceeding to the Drawing Room, a procession was formed as follows.—Captain Johnston, A. D. C., at the head, and then Hon. Dr. J. B. Addison and Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird and Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Mr. W. W. Hornell, His Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood and Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy and Hon. Mr. C. McLean, Messer. Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria and Rt. Rev. Father Spada, Commodore Stirling and His Honour Sir H. Collan, Lt. Halsey, H. R. H. Prince George and H. E. the Commander-in-Chief, Lt. Dangerfield and Lt. Churcher.

The procession entered the Ball Room and advanced to the dais and as soon as His Royal Highness had reached his place the band struck up the National Anthem.

The Chief Justice then read the warrants authorising H. R. H. Prince George to perform the investiture.

After the investiture of His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), Sir Shou-sun Chow, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax and Mr. George Duncan, came the investiture of Subadar Major and Hon. Captain Fazal Khan Sirdar Bahadur of the 5th Bn 2nd Punjab Regt. with the insignia of the Order of British India (First Class).

Finally came the investiture of Mr. George White who was supported by Commander Hole, R. N. on his right hand carrying the Royal Albert medal. Mr. White stood before His Royal Highness who placed the medal upon his breast.

The incident for which Mr. White received the medal occurred on the a.s. Paul Beau on May 4, 1925, while that vessel was proceeding from Hongkong to Canton. An explosion occurred in the starboard boiler. The two men on duty on the boilers at the time of the accident were Hau Foong and So Hau. Hau Foong was immediately overcome by the steam of boiling water and steam projected into the boiler room, and So Hau, perceiving this, immediately went to his assistance, and at the risk of his own life succeeded in dragging him clear of the scalding water into partial safety. He then made his way up on deck where he collapsed from the severe injuries he had received.

Meanwhile, Mr. White, the second Engineer, observing a thick cloud of smoke rising from the engine and boiler rooms and suspecting what had happened, wrapped his face in wet towelling and made his way through the steam along the top of the boilers and shut off the valves connecting the boilers. But for Mr. White's prompt and gallant action there is no doubt that Hau Foong and the two men on duty on the engines would have been suffocated by the escaping steam. Directly the steam began to clear, Mr. White, though badly scalded, took charge, effected the necessary repairs, raised steam again, and thus enabled the ship to be brought safely to the wharf at Canton.

To their surprise and annoyance the White Paper contains the following statement:

But any general scheme of subsidies to agriculture is open to the gravest objection. They would have to be unlimited in duration and very large in amount to have any material effect in increasing the arable area or the number of workers employed.

Even a subsidy of £2 an acre on arable land, which would amount to over £20,000,000 a year, would not necessarily result in any considerable increase!

Moreover, it is impossible to devise any scheme of subsidies which will not result in the payment of a bonus to farmers who do not need it, and for which no return will be received by the nation.

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Bury	0	Leeds	2
Cardiff C.	2	Aston Villa	0
Everton	2	Arsenal	0
Huddersfield	5	Manchester U.	0
Manchester C.	2	W. Ham. C.	0
Sheffield U.	3	Notts C.	0
Sunderland	3	Liverpool	2
Tottenham	1	Leicester C.	3
W. Bromwich A.	0	Bolton	5

Huddersfield	33	18	10
Sunderland	32	17	6
Arsenal	31	16	9
Bury	33	17	3
Sheffield U.	33	15	6
Manch. Un.	30	15	5
Aston Villa	32	12	10
Leicester C.	33	13	6
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